(vii) Administration of District Boards

(From 1st April 1959 to 31st October 1959)

Administration.

392. The District Boards of Bangalore, Chitradurga, Tumkur, Kolar, Mysore, Mandya, Hassan, Shimoga and Chickmagalur in Mysore and Bangalore Divisions, continued to be administered by the Special Officers under the Mysore Village Panchayats and District Boards Act, 1952, and the District Board of Bellary under the Madras District Boards Act, 1920, while the District Board of South Kanara, and the District Local Boards of Belgaum Bijapur, Dharwar and North Kanara in Belgaum Division continued to be administered by the elected Boards, the South Kanara Board under the Madras Act and those in the Belgaum Division under the Bombay Local Boards Act, 1923. The administration of the District Boards of Gulbarga, Raichur and Bidar in Gulbarga Division was carried on by the Deputy Commissioners of Districts who were the *Ex-officio* Presidents of District Boards under the provisions of the Hyderabad District Boards Act, 1955. This arrangement continued upto 31st October 1959.

393. The Government enacted the Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959 with a view to bringing about uniformity in the Local Self-Government administration, and the Act was brought into force with effect from 1st November 1959. Consequent on the enactment and enforcement of the new Act, all the District Boards stood abolished with effect from the 1st November 1959 and the assets and liabilities of the erstwhile District Boards vest in the Deputy Commissioner pending allocation among the new coming Taluk Boards.

Finance

394. The total income and expenditure of all the District Boards in the State during the period were Rs. 77,84,444-83 (Rs. 1,78.53,908-29) and Rs. 92,05,160-25 (Rs. 1,82,87,294—73) respectively as indicated below :—

Division	Income	Expenditure
	Rs.	Rs.
Bangalore ...	18,77,777 (46,11,935)	20,82 078 (46,25,558)
Mysore ...	35,68,712 (71,97,005)	41,10,016 (75,81,697)
Belgaum ...	21,22,592 (43,33,766)	24,97,365 (50,87,714)
Gulbarga ...	7,20,563 (17,11,212)	8,65,720 (10,42,324)

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Roads and other Works

395. There was a total length of 7,740—05 miles of Road under the control and maintenance of the District Boards.

396. A total amount of Rs. 10,85,335-00, was incurred on various public works such as rural communication schemes, construction and repairs of drinking water wells and maintenance, improvement and repairs of roads, etc.

Medical Institutions.

397. *Dispensaries and Veterinary Hospitals:*—There were in all 455 (473) medical institutions such as maternity hospitals, local fund dispensaries and Health Units. There were 197 local fund dispensaries and 268 (132) Ayurvedic and Unani dispensaries working in the several District Boards, for which a total sum of Rs. 2,25,168 was spent. The total number of patients treated in these institutions during the period was 45,43,827. The amount which was spent on the local fund dispensaries during the year was 1,89,577—00.

Veterinary Dispensaries.

398. There were 263 (228) dispensaries working in the several Districts during the period and an expenditure of Rs. 1,09,828-00 was incurred for their maintenance.

Education.

399. There were 84 (83) high schools working during the period under the management of the District Boards of Mysore and Bangalore Divisions, including the one maintained by the District Local Board of Bijapur. One high school was opened during the year by the Bellary District Board.

400. The total amount spent on these High Schools was Rs. 9,43,147 (Rs. 16,51,114).

401. *Elementary Schools*:—The total number of elementary schools maintained by the District Boards in Mysore and Bangalore Divisions, was 974 (976) and the amount spent on these institutions came to Rs. 17,22 395. On the abolition of the District Boards, the High Schools and elementary schools were transferred to the management of the Deputy Commissioners.

402. The District Boards of Raichur, Bidar and Gulbarga have in all spent a total sum of Rs. 82,340-12 for the construction of school buildings at 28 places, repairs to the existing buildings and also as Grant-in-aid to L. V. D. College.

Public Health

403. There were 28 rural mid-wives in addition to those working in the several Maternity and Local Fund Dispensaries and 1,019 labour cases were conducted.

404. The total number of vaccinations conducted was 2,50,313 (3,88,632) during the year in the Bangalore Division.

405. There was outbreak of cholera in 3 villages, prevalence of small-pox in 73 villages in Bijapur, 4 villages in North Kanara and 5 villages in Dharwar Districts respectively. The respective District Local Boards took timely preventive and curative measures along with the Public Health Department and incurred an expenditure of Rs. 14,030 during the period under report, in Belgaum Division.

406. In Gulbarga Division, the total amount spent on conservancy staff, by the District Boards of Raichur, Gulbarga and Bidar, was Rs. 1,56,585—90, during the period under report.

(viii) Taluk Boards.

(From 1st November 1959 to 31st March 1960)

General Administration

407. The Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959 (Mysore Act No. 10 of 1959) came into force on the first day of November 1959, and the District Boards being abolished Taluk Boards were constituted for each Taluk with effect from 1st November 1959. Pending the holding of election, the Block Development Officers in respect of Taluks where Community Development Blocks were established and the Tahsildars in respect of the other Taluks were appointed as Special Officers of the concerned Taluk Boards, to exercise the powers, discharge the duties and perform the functions of the respective Taluk Boards and their Presidents under the new Act until the constitution of the Taluk Boards in accordance with the provision of the Act. These officers continued the activities of the District Boards in their respective jurisdictions.

Finance.

408. The total income and expenditure of the Taluk Boards during the period of five months commencing from 1st November 1959 to the end of the year were Rs. 51,55,598—00 and Rs. 33,36,214—00 respectively.